

**Curriculum vitae**  
**Ambassador Kai Eide**  
**Political Director of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Ambassador Kai Eide has been Political Director of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since October 2006.

He was Norwegian Permanent Representative to NATO from 2002 to 2006.

This was his third term at NATO. He was Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway in the period 1991-93 and First Secretary of the Norwegian Delegation and subsequently Deputy Director of the Private Office of Secretaries General Lord Carrington and Manfred Wörner from 1984 to 1989.

In addition to his broad NATO experience, Ambassador Eide has spent a significant part of his diplomatic carrier in the OSCE and CSCE, starting from the early phases of the so-called Helsinki process in the 1970ies. He served as Norwegian Ambassador to the OSCE from 1998 to 2002, including as Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council in 1999.

Ambassador Eide has served the UN in various positions, primarily relating to the Balkan conflicts. His most recent UN experience has been as a Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan with the aim of bringing the political process in Kosovo forward. His two reports – in 2004 and 2005 – formed the basis for the policy adopted by the UN Security Council. He was the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1997-98. During the war, he was the deputy UN representative to the International Conference on Former Yugoslav (ICFY) in 1994 and 1995.

Serving on the staff of the so-called Mitchell Commission, Ambassador Eide was one of the authors of the Mitchell Report – relating to the Palestinian intifada, which started in September 2000.

Ambassador Eide was State Secretary responsible for foreign and security policies in the Office of the Norwegian Prime Minister during 1989 and 1990. He also served as Special Adviser to the CEO of the Norwegian oil company Statoil before reentering the Norwegian Foreign Service.

During his carrier, Ambassador Eide has written extensively on foreign policy issues, primarily on Balkan affairs.

Ambassador Eide was born in Sarpsborg, Norway, 28 February 1949.  
He is married to Ms. Gro Holm and has two daughters.